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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the Amendment filed on May 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 84-86 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following new claims:

97. (New) A method as claimed in claim 44, further comprising extending the laser engravings a finite depth into a metal portion of the metal strip to form marks in at least one of the upper surface and the lower surface of the metal strip.

98. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 63, wherein the metal strip has a thickness defined between the upper surface and the lower surface, and the laser engravings extend into a metal portion of the metal strip to a depth that is within the thickness of the metal strip.

99. (New) A can with a laser engraved tab formed by the method according to claim 44.



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